

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 612

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A RESOLUTION to commend Mark Gwyn for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public law enforcement professionals who have dedicated themselves to protecting and serving their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mark Gwyn, who has provided exemplary leadership to the State's primary criminal investigative agency for the past fourteen years, recently announced that he will be retiring from his duties as director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) this June; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gwyn has dedicated his career to making the TBI a proactive law enforcement agency and has led the fight against some of the most serious and heinous crimes in Tennessee, including human trafficking, meth production, gang violence, cybercrimes targeting children, and domestic terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Director Gwyn has expertly managed the TBI's high-profile programs, including the TBI Top Ten Most Wanted, the AMBER Alert program, the statewide Sex Offender Registry, and the Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force; the Fusion Center, a law enforcement intelligence-sharing unit; and the State's three forensic crime labs, which conduct more than 413,000 tests on approximately 90,000 pieces of evidence annually; and

WHEREAS, he has also coordinated the gathering, analysis, and dissemination of state and local criminal justice statistics through the annual publication of *Crime in Tennessee* and prioritized continuing education by conducting specialized training for more than 8,500 law enforcement personnel in Tennessee annually; and

WHEREAS, Director Mark Gwyn currently sits on the IACP Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee and serves as president for the board of directors of the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Command College, Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, the FBI National Academy, the thirty-third session of the FBI's National Executive Institute, and the FBI's Leadership in Counter-Terrorism Program; he also received extensive terrorism training from the Israeli National Police; and

WHEREAS, appointed by Governor Haslam to his third six-year term as director of the TBI in 2016, Mark Gwyn began his illustrious career in law enforcement as a patrol officer in his hometown of McMinnville; and

WHEREAS, he joined the TBI in 1988 and quickly rose through the ranks, first serving as an agent, then as executive officer of the Forensic Services Division, and finally as director of the State law enforcement agency, which employs more than 550 people statewide, half of whom are commissioned officers; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished tenure with the TBI, Mark Gwyn has been wholly committed to improving resources, training, and equipment for the Bureau family, and he should be specially recognized on the occasion of his retirement from State government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Mark Gwyn for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, thank him for his work in making the Bureau a highly professional and proactive law enforcement agency, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.